



WHAT IS HO'OMALUHIA?

As a Center of Excellence where East meets West, indigenous voices are valued and diversity is honored, *Ho'omaluhia* is the Hawai'i-Pacific branch of the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute (dba Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma). FVSAI was founded more than 30 years ago and has been delivering trainings throughout the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific for more than 20 years. *Ho'omaluhia's* mission is to improve the quality of life and to contribute to violence-free, abuse-free living for all the peoples of Hawai'i. Recognizing unequal access to systems of justice, protection, health and education by marginalized communities in the Pacific, *Ho'omaluhia* will focus on addressing systemic poverty and inequality and will work collaboratively to improve systems responses and access to these systems for our most vulnerable populations. Our mission of peace is reflected in the Hawaiian name given to us by Hawaiian elder, Lynette Paglinawan. *Ho'omaluhia* means "creating peace."

WHAT DOES HO'OMALUHIA DO?

- Contribute to and expand the delivery of trauma informed outreach across disciplines and sectors in Hawai'i
- Share evidence based programs developed in Hawai'i with communities in the United States and internationally
- Deliver state-of-the art, trauma-informed, culturally sensitive and victim centered training and technical assistance to the agencies, organizations front-line professionals serving the peoples of Hawai'i
- Support the local and regional research initiatives needed to build peace and health in our communities

CURRENT HO'OMALUHIA PROJECTS

- Establishing a Hawai'i Victim Service Academy to provide fundamental, comprehensive and academically based training for victim advocates and allied professionals who routinely deal with crime victims (<https://www.ovc.gov/training/svaa.html>). The Hawai'i Victim Service Academy is part of a regional Pacific initiative with academies to be introduced in Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands and American Samoa.
- Designing and delivering training material for several Hawai'i agencies and supporting community based outreach for Hawai'i's unserved and underserved populations, with specific support for Native Hawaiian professionals and organizations serving the Native Hawaiian community. *Ho'omaluhia* has begun outreach to Hawaiian institutions of higher education to facilitate the introduction of Child and Adult Advocacy Studies courses (<http://www.gundersenhealth.org/ncptc/cast/>) in undergraduate, graduate, medical and law schools.
- Supporting local and regional allies in outreach to homeless and justice-involved Native Hawaiian and Pacific island peoples in Hawai'i.
- Developing networks with art and faith partners to address unmet trauma needs of Hawai'i's homeless and other marginalized populations.
- Sponsoring the annual meeting of the Coalition of Pacific Human Trafficking Task Forces and initiating diverse partnerships, including with University of Otago scholars, the Japanese Ministry of Justice, the Feminist Alliance for Rights, the Micronesian Resource and Research Institute, the Micronesian Women's Councils and the Pacific Women's Indigenous Network.

With the capacity to reshape systems of justice, health and education while addressing the needs of those who have experienced trauma, *Ho'omaluhia*, endeavors to bridge the divide between front-line professionals responding to violence and our partners in health, education, the arts and community advocacy seeking to inspire peacebuilding.